



## **ABSTRACT**

Disaster Management Act, 2005 - COVID- 19 - All Higher Educational Institutions under the control of Higher Education Department - Online classes to be conducted - Orders - Issued.

## **REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O. (Ms) No. 327**

**Dated: 22.03.2021**

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு - 2052

### **Read:**

- 1.G.O. (Ms) No:673 Revenue and Disaster Management, Dated:30.11.2020.
- 2.G.O.(Ms) No. 84, Revenue and Disaster Management, Dated: 31.01.2021.
- 3.G.O.(Ms) No. 318, Revenue and Disaster Management, Dated: 28.02.2021.

## **ORDER**

Whereas on considering the recommendations of the expert team of the Doctors and Public Health Specialists and based on the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown was extended from time to time and lastly extended till 24.00 hours of 31.03.2021 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in G.O.(Ms).No.318, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated: 28.02.2021.

2. In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above, following the Standard Operating Procedures, Final year Classes for all Colleges / Universities including Arts, Science, Technical, Engineering, Agriculture, Fisheries, Veterinary Colleges were permitted to function from 07.12.2020. Further, Hostels for the above college students were also permitted.

3.In the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, following the Standard Operating Procedure, all Under Graduate and Post Graduate Classes (including Diploma Classes) in all Colleges / Universities including Arts, Science, Technical, Engineering, Agriculture, Fisheries, Veterinary Colleges were permitted to function from 08.02.2021. Further Hostels for the above students were also be permitted.

4. As there is an increase in the spread of COVID-19 infection, a meeting was held with the Vice-Chancellors of the all Universities under the aegis of Higher Education Department, the Director of Technical Education and the Director of Collegiate Education on 22.03.2021

regarding the situation arising out of increasing Corona Cases and the plan for the academic year was discussed. The Vice Chancellors opined that the classes can be conducted online and they also expressed that 70-80% syllabus have been covered. For Science Stream students the practical classes and examination are going on.

5. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has also opined that there are reports emerging of cluster from colleges/Hostels and considering trends in many states, these clusters have potential to spread disease in their place of residence and surrounding community.

6. The Government after careful examination of the situation hereby directs that all the Higher Educational Institutions under the control of Higher Education Department and Deemed Universities to conduct classes online from 23.03.2021 onwards with six days working. All practical classes and practical examinations for Science/Engineering/Polytechnic stream students shall be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, especially the final semester students. The semester examination will be an online examination.

**(By order of the Governor)**

**RAJEEV RANJAN  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

**To**

The Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of  
Revenue Administration, Chepauk, Chennai -05

The Principal Secretary to Government,  
Higher Education Department, Chennai - 09

The Director of Technical Education, Chennai -25

The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai -06.

All District Collectors.

The Registrars of all Universities under the control of  
Higher Education Department.

All Institutions through the concerned Head of Departments

The Secretary, University Grants Commission,  
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002.

The Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education,  
Nelson Mandala Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110067.

**Copy to**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai -09.

The Special P.A. to Hon'ble Minister  
(Higher Education and Agriculture), Chennai -09.

The PS to Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai -09.

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**//Forwarded by Order//**

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**SECTION OFFICER**